

Board Administration and Regulatory Coordination Unit

Division 3. Air Resources Board

Chapter 1. Air Resources Board

Subchapter 2. Agricultural Burning Guidelines

Article 1. General Provisions

§ 80102. Scope and Applicability.

(a) These Guidelines apply to the Air Resources Board and all air districts in California, and regulate agricultural burning, including prescribed burning. These Guidelines are intended to provide flexibility to districts in the development and implementation of their smoke management programs. Such programs shall be developed in consultation with the ARB and focus on minimizing any significant impacts that agricultural or prescribed burning may have on air quality or public health. These Guidelines are also intended to assure adequate state oversight, including initial program approval and periodic program assessment.

(b) Although any local or regional authority may establish stricter standards for the control and the regulation of agricultural burning, including prescribed burning, than those set forth in these Guidelines, no local or regional authority may ban agricultural or prescribed burning.

(c) These Guidelines are not intended to permit open burning on days when such burning is prohibited by public fire protection agencies for purposes of fire control or prevention.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 39600, 39601, 41856 and 41859, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 41854, 41856, 41857, 41858 and 41859, Health and Safety Code.

REFERENCE